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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR JOINT UNCTAD/UNIDO EXPERT GROUP -  
-, NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE

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1. AS A RESULT OF OPPOSITION EXPRESSED BY NUMEROUS DEL-  
EGATIONS (FROM GROUP D AS WELL AS GROUP B) DURING THE  
DEBATE 9 MAY ON AGENDA ITEM 4(D) - THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
AN AD HOC JOINT UNCTAD/UNIDO EXPERT GROUP, THE SECRE-  
TARIAT HAS PREPARED NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE. AN AMCIT  
UNIDO STAFFER HAS UNOFFICIALLY PROVIDED MISOFF WITH AN  
ADVANCE COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT. THE TEXT FOLLOWS:

"(A) TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE EXPERT GROUP

THE GROUP OF EXPERTS SHALL, ON THE BASIS OF AN AGENDA  
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION PROPOSED BY THE TWO SECRE-  
TARIATS TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE EXPERIENCE OF COUNTRIES  
AND GROUP OF COUNTRIES WITH DIFFERENT ECONOMIC SYSTEMS:  
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1. ANALYZE CURRENT PRACTICES IN ENTERPRISE-TO-ENTER-  
PRISE ARRANGEMENTS AS THEY CONCERN TRADE AND TRADE-RE-  
LATED ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;
2. EXAMINE THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND PRAC-

TICES IN SUPPORTING OR SUPPLEMENTING SUCH ENTERPRISE-TO-ENTERPRISE ARRANGEMENTS, AND IN THIS CONTEXT CONSIDER ALSO EXISTING BILATERAL, TRILATERAL, REGIONAL AND OTHER MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS;

3. IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE, IDENTIFY AND DISCUSS PROMISING APPROACHES TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

(B) ESTABLISHMENT AND ORGANIZATION OF THE EXPERT GROUP

1. THE GROUP SHALL BE AN AD HOC UNCTAD/UNIDO EXPERT GROUP JOINTLY SERVICED AND FINANCED BY THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS. ITS MEMBERS SHALL BE SELECTED BY THE HEADS OF UNCTAD AND UNIDO AND SHALL REPORT TO THEM.

2. THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP SHALL BE HIGH-LEVEL EXPERTS SERVING IN THEIR PERSONAL CAPACITY, FAMILIAR WITH GOVERNMENT POLICIES, AND SELECTED IN CONFORMITY WITH UN PRACTICES, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION.

3. THE GROUP SHALL IN PRINCIPLE MEET IN GENEVA FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING TWO WEEKS; SHOULD ADDITIONAL MEETINGS BE REQUIRED THEY WILL BE HELD ALTERNATELY IN VIENNA AND GENEVA, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROGRESS REPORT WOULD BE SUBMITTED IN 1979.

4. THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE GROUP WILL BE COMMUNICATED BY THE EXECUTIVE HEADS OF UNCTAD AND UNIDO TO THEIR RESPECTIVE BOARDS."

2. SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES INCLUDE A NARROWING OF THE FOCUS OF STUDY OF THE GROUP, THE PROVISION THAT THE GROUP SHALL REPORT NOT TO THE IDB, BUT TO THE HEADS OF UNCTAD AND UNIDO WHO SHALL THEN REPORT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE BOARDS, AND THE ELIMINATION OF ANY MENTION OF UNIDO'S SECTORAL CONSULTATIONS. THE NARROWING OF DEFINITION WOULD SEEM TO BETTER FIT THE MANDATE OF UNIDO TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

3. REMAINING, HOWEVER, IS THE REFERENCE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP AS "HIGH-LEVEL EXPERTS SERVING IN THEIR PERSONAL CAPACITY, FAMILIAR WITH GOVERNMENT POLICIES". (ADDED TO THIS PARAGRAPH WAS A REFERENCE TO "EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION" IN RESPONSE TO GROUP D INTERVENTIONS.)

4. DOCUMENT HAS, TO MISSION'S KNOWLEDGE, NOT RECEIVED WIDE DISTRIBUTION. SENIOR AMCIT STAFFER WHO PROVIDED

MISSION WITH COPY FEELS THERE IS A TEN-TO-ONE CHANCE AGAINST THE PROPOSAL BEING APPROVED, DUE TO GROUP D OPPOSITION TO HAVING ITS INTERGOVERNMENTAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EXTENSIVELY STUDIED. NEVERTHELESS, MOST GROUP B COUNTRIES -- IN PARTICULAR, DENMARK SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE EEC COUNTRIES -- THOUGH RAISING NUMEROUS QUESTIONS, WERE WILLING TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL IN PRINCIPLE. IN VIEW OF LIKELIHOOD OF GROUP B CONSENSUS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GROUP, MISSION FEELS WE SHOULD TAKE A CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TO THE NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE THE BEST WE CAN GET.

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5. ITEM IS DUE TO COME UP FOR RENEWED DEBATE IN THE IDB UNDER AGENDA ITEM 8(I) ON THE SYSTEM OF CONSULTATIONS. GIVEN PAST U.S. SUPPORT AND EVEN ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE UNIDO SECRETARIAT TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH UNCTAD TO PREVENT OVERLAPPING OF EFFORT, MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INSIGHTS DEPARTMENT MIGHT OFFER IN LIGHT OF NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE AND IN EXPECTATION THAT SOME SUCH JOINT UNCTAD/ UNIDO EXPERT GROUP IS LIKELY TO BE FORMED. DEMPSEY

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